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DOES THE SEMINARY DEMORALIZE STUDENTS?

AT CLEVELAND this fall the heads of all the theological schools affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention met together for the first time. Eleven institutions from New England to California were represented, and the spread of theological opinion was equally wide. This diversity of opinion, however, did not take the center of the stage at the conference; on the contrary, differences on these matters never gained the floor. The discussions centered around administrative problems common to most of the schools represented, and were carried on in a frank and co-operative spirit throughout the two-day period.

The program was drawn up and the conference convened by the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Padelford, President Herrick, and Dr. Luther Smith did the necessary organizing of the conference, and contributed much to the discussions. The topics presented for discussion included "The Seminary's Obligation to the Denomination," "Educational Standards in Regard to Ordination," "The Future of the Foreign Language Schools," "The Quality of the Seminary Graduate's Preaching," etc. There was lively discussion of most of the topics, and the conference agreed on certain general statements in regard to them.

It is not possible in the limited space of this article to report in detail on the entire conference. I do not hesitate, however, to record my personal judgment that it was a significant and fruitful meeting, a beginning of co-operation that promises to pay large dividends to the enrichment of theological education in the Baptist church. From the many topics discussed, I have selected one to present to the alumni of the Divinity School. The selection was not entirely arbitrary, for this topic was dis-

cussed with as much vigor and interest as any other and at greater length than most.

"The Moral Effects of the Seminary's Subsidization of Its Students" was first presented in a statement by the head of one of the schools, who used the situation in his own school as the basis of his remarks. At the conclusion of his presentation, man after man around the table made a frank statement as to what his institution was paying students in both direct and indirect grants. While one spoke, the others would be working hurried problems in addition and subtraction to see how this school compared with theirs. The statements were inclusive of everything except "student pastorates," which seemingly are more numerous, generally speaking, in schools which make no cash contribution to the students.[1]

In the schools represented at Cleveland there was considerable variation in the amount that the theological student pays for his professional training. In one the student was asked to pay $105 for a four-year course; this sum covered tuition, board and room, laundry, and mending. Not all the students paid even this amount, since the institution holds defaulted student notes which total a large sum. Moreover, the president of the institution reported that one of his financial worries came from frequent student requests that he finance the purchase of an automobile. There were groans of sympathy from others at the conference when the automobile was mentioned.

Another institution charged no tuition, gave free room rent to both married and single students, and guaranteed every student work in or for the school that would earn $100 a year. At the other extreme were schools which gave free tuition but collected for board and room, allowing the student no further help except assistance in securing a student pastorate.

The conditions in these Baptist seminaries are not typical of the Protestant seminaries of the country as a whole. The other seminaries will, on the average, pay more. As samples from other churches, I mention some which were recently brought to my attention. I know a Presbyterian seminary which charges no tuition or fees of any kind, gives the students free room rent, and a cash scholarship which covers board. I know a Methodist seminary which charges no tuition, a nominal room

[1] This generalization is based on my memory of the remarks made by the heads of various schools in the course of the discussion.

rent, and pays a single student $200 a year. I know a Lutheran seminary that makes no charge for tuition and lodging, and charges the student $140 for board. Nor are the divinity schools affiliated with the great universities able to throw the first stone; they all give the divinity student a financial advantage over students in other departments of the university.

This pattern of general financial assistance came into being in days when ministerial salaries were low in every sense of the word. The minister's salary was hardly above subsistence. The financial favoritism shown to the theologue was justified on the basis of his post-graduation financial prospects: the other students were going to make big money; he was going to work for a low salary. This is a fairy story today. This is ten years after 1929. We have just enjoyed an industrial boom of three months' duration; unemployment is now less than 9,000,000. This indicates that the average college graduate has no rosy future to anticipate. As a matter of fact, the theological student with any ability at all enjoys more financial security in prospect than does the student in other areas. The subsidies paid our seminary students today cannot be justified by quoting the average salary for all ministers in any one church; the average salary of seminary graduates would be relevant. In so far as the Divinity School of the University of Chicago is concerned, this average does not justify subsidization; the financial situation of our alumni compares favorably with that of the alumni of other divisions of the University.

The leaders of seminaries assembled at Cleveland were of the opinion that something needed to be done in this area. This conviction was not based on the feeling that competition for students is worse for seminaries than for colleges. That feeling existed, as the competition exists. But the concern of these men was with the moral effects of this practice upon the students themselves. They were opposed to competition for students not because their own institutions needed protection from richer competitors, but because they have come to realize what this competition is doing to the quality of the ministry. Too often have they listened to college Seniors called to the ministry say, "I like your school better but Blank Seminary will pay me $200 a year more than you offer." They believe that men who choose their schools for financial reasons will choose sermons and churches on the same basis.

The nephew of one of my classmates was an all-state star in high-school

football. One southeastern school has offered him free tuition, free room and board, and $15 a month; but he is undecided because the preliminary offers from two other schools sound more promising. Some of these football coaches must have attended theological seminary!

What is tolerable in a frothy, decadent, and vanishing social pastime like intercollegiate football is intolerable in religion. Theological students are increasingly unpopular on the college campus. The dean of a university seminary in a recent conversation rightly diagnosed this as due to the financially privileged status of the theologue. "But," he protested, "the other students don't realize that our boys work for this money!" The other students realized all too well that the theologue as theologue had opportunities to earn money which they were denied.

I personally do not believe that this justification by work has the efficacy traditionally associated with justification by faith. The work is "made work" in many cases; all justifiable attacks on the W.P.A. on this basis can legitimately be directed at the seminary. When the work is in the form of a student pastorate, it frequently encourages the student to develop habits of inadequate preparation and skimpy discharge of responsibility. The moral slackening of student fiber by subsidy needs a better defense than the plea that the students are made to earn the gift.

The basic question is: Should our theological training train ministers to expect special financial privileges as ministers? It was the judgment of the group that met at Cleveland that the seminaries have contributed to the moral delinquency of the ministerial students by giving them too much. It was felt that these various subsidies contributed largely to the flabbiness and softness that characterize too much of the ministry today. It was agreed to try to improve the situation within the group by setting as a first goal the following program: Free tuition to be the maximum of direct assistance; students to pay the costs of board and room; all financial assistance (except academic scholarships) to be in the form of loans which the institution would do all it could to collect. In general, the members of the group agreed that the theological student should be asked to bear more and more of the burden of his education. They believed that this will assist in training men to follow one who said "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

ERNEST CADMAN COLWELL

THE FACULTY

Dean Ernest C. Colwell is enjoying the warm sunshine of Florida with his family in Anna Maria during the Winter Quarter. Before leaving he announced his intention of catching some big fish. During his absence Professor W. A. Irwin is Acting Dean.

Dean Charles W. Gilkey, as usual, has been much in demand as a preacher during the past quarter. During November he filled the following engagements: on November 5 he preached in the Yale Chapel and spoke at the Worcester Y.M.C.A. 75th anniversary; the sixth he addressed the Youngstown, Ohio, Y.W.C.A.; the seventh he spoke in the Benton Harbor Congregational Church; the eighth he addressed the Chicago Recreation Congress; the fourteenth he spoke before the Decatur Teachers' Association; the twenty-third he preached at the Bloomington, Illinois, union thanksgiving service; the twenty-sixth he preached at the Wellesley Chapel; the twenty-seventh he addressed the Canton, Ohio, Teachers' Association; and the thirtieth he spoke in the Winnetka Congregational Church. His December engagements were as follows: the sixth he spoke at Mather College and participated in the Temple Symposium on religion, the eighth he spoke at the University of South Dakota; the twelfth he addressed the Medinah Lunch Club; the fifteenth he spoke at the La Grange, Illinois, high school; the twenty-fourth he preached at the Cleveland Sunday Evening Club, and the thirty-first he preached at the Springfield, Illinois, union watch night service.

Dean Emeritus Shirley Jackson Case was recently made dean of the School of Religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, where he has been teaching.

Professor Edwin E. Aubrey gave the "platform addresses" at the Asilomar Student Conference in California, December 28 to January 2. He will deliver the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University, March 31 to April 5. The recent Hazen Conference report contains a summary of Dr. Aubrey's six lectures at the Lake Geneva Hazen Conference on "Social Forces in Christian Thought."

Professor W. C. Bower lectured, October 30, to the Union Ministers' Meeting on "Recent Developments in the Work of the Department of Christian Education." December 14 to 19 he gave a series of five lectures at the initial educational conference of the newly united Methodist Episcopal South and Protestant Episcopal Churches at Nashville, Tennessee.

Professor Ernest J. Chave spent November 7 to 9 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and spoke to the Parent Education Institute on "The Function of Religion in Community Life." He also participated in panel discussions and conferences arranged by Dr. E. W. Blakeman, Counselor in Religion at the University of Michigan, working with the Michigan Child Guidance Institute. On November 27 at Decatur, Illinois, Dr. Chave held conferences on week-day religious education under the auspices of the State Council of Religious Education. He also addressed the Rotary Club of Decatur on "An Intelligent View of Re-

ligion." Professor Chave is chairman of the research committee of the International Council of Religious Education. On December 2 and 3 he participated in the semi-annual committee meetings of the Council. Dr. Chave will continue to be out of residence during the Winter Quarter.

Professor Davis Edwards has been giving a series of lecture-readings of recent dramas at the Art Institute. On January 9 he gave *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder; January 16, *Prologue to Glory*, by E. P. Conkle; January 23, *The Family Reunion*, by T. S. Eliot; January 30, *My Heart's in the Highlands*, by William Saroyan; and on February 6 he will give *The Fall of the City* and *Air Raid*, by Archibald MacLeish.

Professor W. E. Garrison was called to Los Angeles on December 15 because of the death of his mother. She was ninety-three years of age last July and was vigorous and active until six days before her death.

Dr. Garrison gave three lectures in Lincoln, Nebraska, January 8 to 10, for the Nebraska Ministers' Convocation. He also gave a lecture on January 8 for the Nebraska Disciples Ministers' Conference. Professor Garrison's annual syndicated article on "Religion in 1939" appeared in about 150 papers. He also had an article for the *Encyclopaedia Britannica Yearbook*.

The versatility of Professor Garrison's talents is shown by the fact that he recently made four portrait relief tablets in bronze for the new College of Religion Building at Butler University. The portraits are of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Walter Scott, and Barton W. Stone. The Finnish architect, Saarinen, whom many consider the greatest living architect, is designing the building.

Professor Charles T. Holman read a paper on December 29 before the Trienniel Conference of Church Workers in Universities of the United States on "Psychological Techniques in Student Religious Work." The meeting was held in Chicago. On January 10 he spoke at the third annual Illinois Rural Life Conference, conducted at the University of Illinois, on "The Art of Counseling and Ministering to the Sick."

Professor Holman will spend a good deal of his time during the Winter Quarter visiting alumni in different parts of the country. The Divinity School is planning to select a group of "regional advisers" through whom it can maintain active contact with its alumni and former students throughout the country. More will be said in detail about this plan in a later issue of the *Divinity School News*.

Professor John Knox, who is out of residence this quarter, is spending the winter with his family at Anna Maria, Florida.

Professor Wilhelm Pauck has an article in the January, 1940, number of the *Journal of Religion*, entitled "National Socialism and Christianity: Can They Be Reconciled?" He has another article, "The Task of Theological Education Today," in the January, 1940, number of the *Chicago Theological Seminary Register*.

Professor Donald W. Riddle has been elected president of the Midwest Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. During the Christmas vacation he attended the meeting of the Society

of Biblical Literature in New York, and on December 29 read a paper before the Society on "The Cephas-Peter Problem, and a Possible Solution."

Professor Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., will spend the Winter Quarter doing research at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Professor Cecil Michener Smith recently spoke on "Drama in the Middle West: Present and Future" at the Rockford Art Association. He has been giving weekly lectures on the programs of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Standard Club of Chicago. Professor Smith has achieved a reputation as an outstanding musical and dramatic critic in Chicago and has articles almost daily on music and drama in the *Chicago Daily Tribune.*

Professor William W. Sweet gave four lectures during November on "The American Religious Scene" at the Morgan Park Baptist Church. December 27 he addressed the Methodist College for Preachers, at Evanston, on "Graduate Study for Ministers." Dr. Sweet has been elected reserve delegate to the Central Jurisdictional Conference of the (new) Methodist Church by the North Indiana Conference. He is one of the Editorial Council for the new *Dictionary of American History* (Scribners), the first volume of which is in press. The *Dictionary* will comprise five volumes. It will contain numerous articles on American church-history subjects by Dr. Sweet.

Dr. Clyde Weber Votaw, Professor Emeritus of New Testament Literature, was a visitor at the Divinity School on October 13. In the forenoon and afternoon Dr. Votaw visited classes at the Divinity School, and at noon Dean and Mrs. Colwell entertained at lunch the New Testament Faculty, Dean Emeritus Shailer Matthews, and ten or twelve of the advanced New Testament students, in honor of Dr. Votaw.

Professor Henry N. Wieman, who is out of residence this quarter, is spending the winter in Tujunga, California. Dr. Wieman has an article in the current issue of *Religious Education* on "The Place of God in Education." November 17–20 he delivered four lectures at Randolph-Macon College, and in February, 1940, he will deliver four lectures at Santa Ana, California.

Professor Harold Rideout Willoughby is co-editor with Ernest Cadman Colwell of *The Elizabeth Day McCormick Apocalypse* (two volumes). He is author of Volume I, *A Greek Corpus of Revelation Iconography.* This publication was financed by the American Council of Learned Societies and published by the University of Chicago Press. Professor Willoughby is also author of an article entitled "Greek Rebinding Colophons in Chicago Manuscripts," published in *Annales de l'Institut Kondakov* (Seminarium Kondakovianum), XI (1939). A year ago the Kondakov Institute started the publication of this study in Prague, but it was driven out of Czechoslovakia by the Nazi occupation, and the publication of this work was completed in Beograd, Yugoslavia, where the Institute has found a temporary refuge. Another publication of Professor Willoughby's is "A Unique Miniatured Greek Apocalypse," in *Byzantion, revue internationale des études byzantines*, Tome XIV, Fasc. 1 (Brussels, 1939).

YOUR IDEAS WANTED ABOUT THE PASTORS' INSTITUTE

THE ninth Pastors' Institute will be conducted this year July 29 to August 10, and the committee in charge is already shaping up the program. The institute has annually drawn about three hundred ministers (sometimes more, sometimes slightly less) of all denominations from all parts of the country and from Canada, and the expressions of appreciation of the program from those in attendance have been highly gratifying. This year we want to make it better than ever. Last year's seminar on "Religious Problems of the College Campus," which enrolled a large number of university pastors, Christian Association secretaries, and other religious leaders in colleges and universities, proved to be one of the most valuable courses, and, at the request of the group, expressed in a resolution presented to the committee in charge, will be continued in this year's program. A new feature will be a conference on "Pastoral Work and Personality Problems," set up within the framework of the Institute and jointly sponsored by the Institute and the Committee on Religion and Health of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and several local councils of churches.

But the program is still a long way from being in final form, and we want the help of our alumni in setting it up, especially since the Alumni Association at its last two annual meetings (held during the Pastors' Institute sessions) sponsored the Institute as its special project. Therefore this appeal. Will you please answer the questions herewith appended, make any further comment or suggestion you desire, and forward the completed blank to the chairman of the committee? What you say will be given serious consideration.

Professor Charles T. Holman
Chairman, Committee on the Pastors' Institute
The Divinity School, The University of Chicago

DEAR PROFESSOR HOLMAN:

I should like to see courses on the following subjects included in the program of the Pastors' Institute:.....

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YOUR IDEAS WANTED

I should especially like to have courses with the following professors in the Divinity School, the Chicago Theological Seminary, and the Disciples Divinity House:

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I should like to see one of the following men invited as guest lecturer to preachers:

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I should like to see the following new features included in the Institute program:

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The following seem to me to be the most valuable features of the Institute program as at present conducted:.....

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The following seem to me to be the least valuable features of the program:.....

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Any other comments or suggestions.....

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NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

(You may send in your comment unsigned if you prefer. It will be given the same consideration as if your name were attached.)

STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

EVER ATTEND A QUINQUAGENARY?

The University of Chicago has already celebrated its quinquennial, decennial, sesquidecennial, and quarter-centennial (in plain English, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, and twenty-fifth) anniversaries. In October, 1940, the University will commence the celebration of its fiftieth anni-

versary, and Vice-President Emeritus Frederic Woodward, who is directing plans for the event, is said to maintain that it should be called the "Quinquagenary." However, there seems to be doubt if all the alumni can pronounce the word. Anyway, the University quit printing its diplomas in Latin a few years ago and adopted English. Therefore, the celebration will be simply the fiftieth anniversary. But it is planned to make it as great an affair as if it bore a Latin name. Details are not yet available but committees are working hard.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

The University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, was host this Christmas vacation to some 450 delegates to the International "Consultative Conference" sponsored by the Student Volunteer Movement and the National Intercollegiate Council. Although the Conference was held in a country at war, the maximum of freedom was enjoyed in the complete expression of all viewpoints represented. The purpose of the meeting was found in the problems confronting the world-mission of the church today and the relation of the student Christian movement to those problems. As might be expected, Madras was the immediate incentive for such a critical re-examination of these phases of Christian endeavor. The majority of the delegates were students at the graduate level and seemed to represent, very fairly, all denominations and university centers throughout both the United States and Canada. Naming but a few of the outstanding leaders present one would have to mention Dr. T. Z. Koo, just back from unoccupied China, Dr. H. P. Van Dusen, Dr. K. S. Latourette, Dr. John Bennett, D. T. Niles of India, Fay Campbell of Yale's Dwight Hall, and Robert Mackie of the Geneva office of the World Student Christian Federation. One of the features of the five days was the qualitative conference singing under the direction of Dr. Russell Hines Cook of Harvard, who initiated the use of the new student hymnal, *Hymns for Worship*. Quite unlike many youth meetings of the past, this gathering moved on an unusually fine analytical plane, although it was not uninspired. The worship experiences and the periods of personal commitment to lives of service which marked the climax of a great week together will provide incentive and drive for not a few of the coming leaders in the greater Christian movement throughout the world.—DONALD EDWARDS.

NOTES

Professor Martin P. Nilsson, Rector of the University of Lund, Sweden, gave two lectures, January 8–9, under the auspices of the Divinity School. His first lecture dealt with "The Historical Background of the New Testament in the Hellenistic Age," and his second discussed the subject "Oracles and Seers." Both lectures were given in Room 106 of Swift Hall.

Registration figures for the Winter Quarter show a total of 133 students. Of these, 127 are graduate students and 6 are undergraduate. There are 113 men students, of whom 53 are married. Two of the 20 women registered are married.

Thursday afternoon teas during the

Autumn Quarter were ably conducted by Miss Lael Henderson and Barnett Blakemore. Among the special features were a trip to the rare-book room in Harper Library, where Dr. D. W. Riddle interpreted manuscript lore, and talks wherein Duncan Littlefair and Mr. Blakemore, students on traveling fellowships in Europe last year, related some of their experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cole are host and hostess at the teas during the Winter Quarter.

On December 8 the student body held a party in the commons room. Following the games a business meeting was called, where it was agreed to raise the student fees to fifty cents a quarter. This will make possible a contribution to the interseminary movement and an issue of the *Divinity Theolog* each quarter.

Miss Leila Anderson, secretary of the student body, will be out of residence this quarter working on her thesis. Lester Rickman will become secretary, relinquishing his duties as treasurer to Harvey Watts, who has re-entered the School for the Winter Quarter. The worship committee has been persuaded to continue through the year, with Miss Grace Storms succeeding Mr. Patton as chairman.

During Christmas vacation Don Edwards attended the International Consultative Conference at Toronto as delegate from the Disciples Divinity House and the Divinity Student Association. At the same time Dan Genung and Don Baldwin served as delegates to the Youth Committee against War Congress held in Chicago at International House.

Clifford Murphy is to teach a course in theology in the Baptist Missionary Training School during the Winter Quarter.

Don Edwards thrilled a group of Hyde Park Y.M.C.A. boys at the father and son meeting held recently with the tale of his experiences on the torpedoed "Athenia" and of seven hours spent in a leaky life boat before he was picked up by the Norwegian freighter, "Knute Nelson." Mr. Edwards was born of missionaries in the heart of the Belgian Congo jungle, and he was making his seventh trip from Europe when the disaster occurred.

Duncan Littlefair was married to Miss Gertrude Backes, graduate student in the Department of Physics, on December 31.

CLUBS

At the October meeting of the New Testament Club Myrddyn Jones was elected president, David Pellet, vice-president, and W. Lyons, secretary, for the year. Speakers at the meetings of the Club during the fall and winter have been Professor D. W. Riddle and Professor John Knox. At the December meeting Dean Colwell led a discussion on the place of the Bible in the theological school curriculum. On January 15 the Club held a special meeting to celebrate the publication of the *Elizabeth Day McCormick Apocalypse*, a two-volume work by Harold R. Willoughby and Ernest Cadman Colwell. Miss McCormick was the guest of honor at the meeting, where the story of her discovery of the Greek apocalypse was told and a discussion of its importance was given by Dr. Willoughby. Professor Riddle presented Miss McCormick with a specially boxed set of the volumes in appreciation of her

interest. One of the features of the meeting was an exhibit of comparative iconography of beatus color prints, angers collotypes, Düreresque woodcuts, and athonite photographs.

At the February meeting of the New Testament Club Ellis Jensen, Ph.D. '39, will speak.

Speakers at fall meetings of the Theology Club have been Dr. Charles Hartshorne, who gave a presentation of four conceptions of God, and Karl Beth, formerly of the University of Vienna and now professor at the Meadville Theological School, who made a survey of the theological outlook in Germany today. Dr. Matthew Spinka is scheduled to speak at a forthcoming meeting on the influence of Dostoyevski on recent theology. Miss Georgia Harkness, recently appointed to the faculty of the Garrett Biblical Institute, will discuss the basis of Christian authority.

The Religious Education Club has had three meetings since the opening of school in October. At the November meeting Dr. Albert E. Bailey gave an illustrated lecture, entitled "The Artist as Social Prophet." In December Dr. Albert Buckner Coe discussed the importance of adult education in the church program. At the meeting in January Dr. W. C. Bower described the White House Conference on Childhood, and particularly the attention given to religion in the Report Committee of the Conference. Dr. Bower represented the Protestant viewpoint on the Report Committee. On February 7 Dean Weigle of the Yale Divinity School will meet with the Club to discuss the relation of religious education to public-school education.

ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, pastor of the University Disciples Church and dean of the Disciples Divinity House, Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, '00, editor of the *Christian Century*, and Dr. Herbert L. Willett, Ph.D. '96, pastor of the Kenilworth Union Church, were three of four clergymen who, having served Chicago forty years or more, were honored at a breakfast at Marshall Field's, given by ministers and their wives of the Disciples of Christ Church.

Donald H. McGillivray, Th.B. '93, who had been superintendent of the Central Baptist Children's Home at Maywood, Illinois, for eighteen years, died December 1 in Independence, Missouri. He was seventy-nine years of age. He is survived by his widow, a son (Donald R., of Chicago), and two daughters.

The October-November number of *The Army Chaplain* contains reprints of addresses of two chaplains, former Divinity School students. The address of Chaplain Alva J. Brasted, D.B. '05, formerly chief of chaplains and now chaplain at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is entitled "Impressions," and that of Milton O. Beebe, A.M. '32, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is entitled "The Chaplain's Personal Obligations." These addresses were delivered at the convention of army chaplains, May 23, 1939.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Ph.D. '09, of Dallas, Texas, spoke at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall

on January 7. His subject was "Questions for Tomorrow." Bishop Holt has been head of the Dallas area since the recent union of the Methodist churches.

Clarence A. Wood, Ph.B. '11, D.B. '12, of Albany, New York, is the chairman of the local alumni foundation. Mr. Wood has been secretary of the Court of Appeals for the State of New York for thirty-eight years.

Word has been received that Rev. Diradour A. Dikyian, Ph.B. '12, of Brooklyn, New York, passed away on December 15, 1937.

John K. Arnot, D.B. '16, is now located at Rowan, Iowa.

Rev. Arthur C. Hodgson, '17, minister of the First Baptist Church, Riverton, Wyoming, sends us a proof sheet of his article, "The Christmas Seals and My Collection," which was published in *The Riverton Review*, November 23, 1939. Mr. Hodgson has a complete set of the thirty-two years' Christmas seals of the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association. In his article Mr. Hodgson gives an interesting account of the two organizations by which the Christmas seal sale has been sponsored and how the annual sale of the seals came about.

D. C. Holtom, Ph.D. '19, formerly of the Aoyama Gakuin Theological School, Tokyo, Japan, is now at 1 of 4 Miharu Dai, Nakaku, Yokohama, Japan.

Chester S. Miao, Ph.D. '23, has sent the *Divinity School News* a copy of the autumn, 1939, issue of *Religious Education Fellowship Bulletin*, published in Shanghai. The bulletin, which is a 44-page pamphlet, describes the progressive educational program being conducted by the Christian churches in China, and at times indicates the adverse conditions under which this work is being carried on.

Elmer Ellsworth Flack, A.M. '23, '29, professor of exegesis and secretary of the faculty in Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, has been named dean of that School.

Louisa P. Litzel, D.B. '24, has moved from Cleveland, Ohio, to Dundee, Ohio. She is pastor in the Dundee Methodist Church and reports that she is "trying to make the fourth church in a rural circuit into a self-supporting church by itself."

L. L. Leftwich, A.M. '24, D.B. '25, began his work as dean at Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, in September.

Word has been received that George C. Flett, '26, '31 of Somers, Wisconsin, died in May, 1937.

George H. Hartwig, '27, '29, head of the department of English at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, had an article, "An Immortal Friendship: Carlyle and Emerson," published in the October number of the *Hibbert Journal*.

Ivy Myers, '29, '36, has been appointed director of religious education in the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Oak Park, Illinois.

A note from Violet Otto Wilson, '29–'31, informs us that she and her husband and small son are moving from 5548 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, to 7609 South Langley Avenue, Chicago. Mrs. Wilson is working at Time, Inc., while her husband is starting his own play-publishing business, called New World Dramatic Service.

Richard Volley Clearwaters, A.M. '31,

resigned his pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to become pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, second in size only to the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis in the Minnesota Baptist Convention. Mr. Clearwaters was president of the Iowa Baptist Convention from 1937 to 1939.

Eugene S. Tanner, A.M. '31, Ph.D. '34, gave a paper on "Some Antecedents of the Nazi Interpretation of Christ" before the Midwest Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis at its meeting in Cincinnati, November 10–11. Mr. Tanner is a member of the department of religion and biblical literature of the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. Olaf Sivertsen, '31, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lake City, Iowa, is dean of the Calhoun County Leadership School for 1939–40.

Robert B. Giffen, '31–'36, has spent the past year visiting colleges and universities all over the country as campus secretary of the University Christian Mission. Next fall Mr. Giffen begins his work as Presbyterian university pastor in charge of the work of the Westminster Foundation at Princeton University.

Robert Leland Schock, '32–'33, was recently appointed army chaplain to the Fort Worden, Washington, post, with rank of first lieutenant.

Perry E. Gresham, '32, participated in the panel discussion on "What Is Religion?" held December 27 at the Southwestern Philosophical Conference in Dallas, Texas. He also conducted Religious Emphasis Week at West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas, during the first week of December. Mr. Gresham lives at 2708 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.

Moneta J. Troxel, A.M. '32, formerly of Ewha College, Seoul, Korea, was married to Dr. Edmund D. Soper, professor of the history of religion at Garrett Biblical Institute, on November 10, 1939.

Ethel Williams Forbes, A.M. '32, is living at R.F.D. No. 4, Santa Cruz, California.

Earle E. Emme, Ph.D. '32, is in his sixth year as professor of psychology and chairman of guidance at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa. Professor Emme gave a series of addresses to four district groups in the Northwest Iowa Conference on "Growing a Personality" during the week of December 4–9. He had an article, "Content Analysis of Eleven Recent Textbooks in Beginning Psychology," published in the *Journal of Psychology*, July, 1939.

Doyle Mullen, D.B. '33, pastor of the First Christian Church, Lafayette, Indiana, recently led his church in a celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Chaplain Elmer E. Tiedt, '33–'34, located at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, recently received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Webster University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bruce Masselink, '33, '35, is now living at 914 4th Street, Burlington, Iowa. His former address was Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Walter C. Giersbach, Ph.D. '33, is now living at 233 North Edward Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Ernest L. Harrold, A.M. '33, D.B. '34, closed a five-year pastorate at the First Christian Church, Wauseon, Ohio, to become pastor of the West Creighton Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on December 1, 1939.

Word has been received that Maurice W. Reynolds, '34–'35, United States Army Chaplain, has been promoted and sent to the Fort Howard, Maryland, post.

Kathleen MacArthur, A.M. '34, Ph.D. '36, teacher of religion at Hollins College, in Virginia, spoke at the informal seven o'clock meeting preceding the regular Sunday Evening Club Service at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, on New Year's Eve.

Alexander Mackie Honeyman, Ph.D. '34, of the department of Oriental languages, University of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland, sends word that he has recently completed a catalogue and edition of Phoenician inscriptions of the Cyprus Museum, among which he says are the oldest yet discovered in Cyprus.

Rev. T. C. Seybold, '34, is missionary principal of St. Paul's High School, Raipur, Central Provinces, India. Mr. Seybold has been serving in the same school since 1913.

Roger Hazelton, A.M. '34 (Ph. D., Yale, '37), dean of the chapel of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, is the author of an article, "Human Purpose and Cosmic Purpose," published November 23, 1939, in the *Journal of Philosophy.*

Irvin E. Lunger, A.M. '35, D.B. '36, Ph.D. '38, associate minister of the University Church of Disciples of Christ, Chicago, recently reviewed Kenneth Kirk's *The Study of Theology* for the *Christian Evangelist.*

A. Leland Jamison, '36–'39, is teaching New Testament at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

Henrietta Chase, '36, soloist in the Bond Chapel Choir, made her debut Saturday, November 4, with the Chicago City Opera Company in the opera *Louise.*

William A. Jacobs, '37–'38, and Mrs. Jacobs announce the birth of a daughter, Ellen Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Leroy Burkhart, Ph.D. '38, has been appointed head of the department of Bible and religion and acting dean of the faculty at the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas.

A letter from Paul Wassenich, A.M. '38, D.B. '39, gives an interesting account of the work he is doing in his church in Hicksville, Ohio. Mr. Wassenich says that he has been evaluating the various courses of his seminary days in terms of their value during the months of his work in Hicksville. He writes: "Many of the most helpful facts and attitudes are those I received in discussions of an informal nature, like the Wednesday noon luncheons at Disciples House, or in Delta Theta Chi."

R. S. Chalmers, '38–'39, started a new pastorate on November 15 at the First Baptist Church in El Paso, Illinois.

J. Winfield Fretz, A. M.'38, has a research assistantship in the department of research and survey of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Mr. Fretz had two articles published in the April and October, 1939, issues of the *Mennonite Quarterly Review* on "Mutual Aid Societies among the Mennonites."

Madge Axford, '39, was married on December 22, 1939, in the Hilton Memorial Chapel to Mr. Hadley Fink of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Fink are living at 5748 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago.

Elizabeth P. Lam, Ph.D. '39, dean of women and teacher of religion at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, is author of an article entitled "Does Macmurray Understand Marx?" which was published in the January, 1940, issue of the *Journal of Religion.*

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